

COALITION AGAINST REPRESSION IN THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE
P. O. Box 1848, G. P. O.
New York, New York, 10001

September 21, 1974

Daniel Ellsberg
45 Sutton Pl S.
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Ellsberg:

The Coalition against repression in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe has scheduled a teach-in at Columbia University on the evening of November 22, 1974 as part of the world wide protests called by the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation and others. The focus of the protests will be the Czechoslovakian political prisoners Jaroslav Sabata and Jiri Muller. I am enclosing a copy of the appeal for further information.

We wish to include radical speakers from several viewpoints as well as speakers with expertise in the current situation of dissidents in Czechoslovakia and other Eastern European countries. We hope that you will be able to participate in the teach-in. We are very grateful to you for your participation at the press conference and picket line for Pyotr Grigorenko which we sponsored under our old name of the American Solidarity Coalition.

We must know as soon as possible whether you will be able to speak at this teach-in. If you are unable to be there, a message of solidarity and permission to use your name in building this protest would be helpful.

For democratic rights,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kendall Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kendall Green

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Dear Friends,

A meeting will be held Tuesday, September 17 to discuss fall activities in conjunction with the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation appeal for protests on November 27 for Czech dissidents Muller and Sabata. A copy of the appeal, which also included the May 7 Pyotr Grigorenko protests, is enclosed.

The meeting has been called by the coalition which organized the May 7 press conference and picket line at the Soviet airline offices for Soviet dissident Pyotr Grigorenko. It will be held at 8 PM in Room 412 Loeb Student Center, New York University, Washington Square South.

I want to encourage all groups and individuals who are interested in defending Soviet and East European dissidents to attend this meeting.

In solidarity,

Ken Green
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APPEAL TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION

Political persecution and attacks on civil liberties have not been confined to one country or bloc of countries, and in recent years they have been increasingly common and more intensive. Radicals, humanitarians, consistent advocates of democratic ideals, socialists and communists have found themselves protesting about repression in every continent and almost every country.

It is particularly regrettable that in the countries of Eastern Europe, and especially in the USSR and Czechoslovakia, the tendency to solve political disputes by administrative and repressive measures has become more acute. Many elementary liberties have once more been put in question. The incarceration of Major General Grigorenko in a mental hospital as well as the imprisonment of numerous other people such as Plyushch, Moroz, Svitlichny and Lubarsky in the USSR, and also the heavy penalties against Milan Hübl, Jaroslav Sabata, Jan Tesar, and Jiri Muller among many others in Czechoslovakia, are famous cases in point.

Like peace, civil liberties are indivisible. Oppression in any country diminishes humanity everywhere. Oppression in a country with a socialist constitution is a particular challenge to the radical conscience of the rest of the world, since these countries aim themselves to be both democratic and advanced in the field of civil rights.

To all those human beings who feel sympathy for the future of socialism in this sense, and to all genuine democrats, we address this appeal.

We are calling for world-wide participation by socialists, communists, democratic and humanitarian organizations and individuals in three days of protests about the repression of civil liberties in the USSR and Czechoslovakia as well as in other Eastern European countries. The first of these we propose to designate Grigorenko Day, which will be fixed on 7th May 1974, the anniversary of the imprisonment of Major General Grigorenko. On that day we urge a world-wide initiative of protest meetings and petitions in solidarity with Pyotr Grigorenko and all the other victims of politically motivated incarceration in mental hospitals and prisons.

On the second day, 27th November 1974, which is the anniversary of the arrest of Sabata and Muller, and on the third day, 29th March 1975, which is the anniversary of the imprisonment of Vladimir Bukovsky, we propose similar endeavours.

We appeal to people of goodwill throughout the world to endorse and support this appeal.

Signed

Pavel Litvinov—on behalf of the Soviet Initiative Group for the Defense of Human Rights in the Soviet Union

Ken Coates and Chris Farley—on behalf of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation

Jiri Pelikan—for the Collective of Listy, the journal of the Czechoslovak Socialist opposition

Andrei Sakharov—member of the Academy of Science of the Soviet Union

Laurie Aarons
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